

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/603,625 Confirmation No. 4454
Applicant : S. MATSUBARA et al.
Filed : June 26, 2003
Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZER
Art Unit : 1797
Examiner : L.J. Ramillano
Customer No. : 24956

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF PROSECUTION

MAIL STOP: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP §709, applicants request that prosecution of the application be continued. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on April 28, 2009 with a request for suspension of action of one month indicated. Subsequently, a Petition to Revive the application for being unintentionally abandoned was granted on June 16, 2009. On June 25, 2009, applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment subsequent to the filing of the RCE of April 28, 2009. Accordingly, the application is now in condition for examination and further suspension of the prosecution of the application is not requested by the applicants.

Accordingly, applicants request that the Letter suspending prosecution at applicant's request mailed July 8, 2009 be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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